

# "The Sound of Trumpets—Part 3"

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BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I concluded a three-part series. The presentation was titled "The Sound of Trumpets—Part 3. This was the final Wednesday-night Bible study before our congregation observes the Feast of Trumpets on Tuesday, Sept. 23.

## **Reminder of part 1**

In part 1 of the series, we looked at four examples in the Old Testament talking about trumpets—

Exodus 19:10-20; Numbers 10:1-10; Joshua 6:1-16; and Judges 7:2-23.

## **Reminder of part 2**

In part 2 of the series, I talked about the assassination of Charlie Kirk (who was murdered on that afternoon).

- We read what our Savior said about anger in Mark 3:5-6.
- We read what our Savior said about mourning in Luke 23:27-31.
- Then, we read scriptures in the Old Testament in the books of Joel and Zephaniah.

## **Reminder of contrasting purposes**

At the beginning of part 3, I went back to two Bible verses in the part 1 presentation to remind the audience that the sound of trumpets occurs for bad news and for good news.

- Numbers 10:9—They were instructed to sound an alarm with trumpets when they went to war against their enemies.
- Numbers 10:10—They were instructed to blow the trumpets in the day of gladness.

Bible students are not surprised when the book of Revelation describes the same picture.

## Book of Revelation

■ Revelation 6:1-16—When the Lamb opened the first six seals, the apostle John heard a voice like thunder.

■ Revelation 8:1-2—When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, the apostle John saw seven angels standing before God—and they were given seven trumpets.

■ Revelation 8:6—"So the seven angels (who had the seven trumpets) prepared themselves to sound."

■ Revelation 8:7—The first angel sounded his trumpet.

■ Revelation 8:8-9—The second angel sounded his trumpet.

■ Revelation 8:10-11—The third angel sounded his trumpet.

■ Revelation 8:12—The fourth angel sounded his trumpet.

■ Revelation 8:13—An angel in heaven said with a loud voice: "Woe, woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!"

■ Revelation 9:1-11—The fifth angel sounded his trumpet.

■ Revelation 9:12—When the fifth angel was done sounding his trumpet, John wrote: "One woe is past. Behold, still two more woes are coming."

■ Revelation 9:13-21—The sixth angel sounded his trumpet.

■ Revelation 9:14—When the sixth angel sounded his trumpet, a voice from the four horns of the golden altar (which is before God) said to the sixth angel who had the trumpet: "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates."

■ Revelation 11:14—When the sixth angel was done sounding his trumpet, John wrote: "The second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming quickly."

Although the Bible describes the seventh trumpet announcing troublesome events, the seventh trumpet also announces the glorious Kingdom of God.

■ Revelation 11:15—Then the seventh angel sounded, and there were loud voices in heaven saying: "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"

■ Revelation 11:16-18—The 24 elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God.

## The Son of God said

■ Matthew 24:29—This verse quotes the Son of God saying: "Immediately after the tribulation of those days, the sun will be darkened and the moon will

not give its light. The stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.”

■ Matthew 24:30—This verse quotes the Son of God saying: “Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.”

■ Matthew 24:31—This verse quotes the Son of God saying: “And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds—from one end of heaven to the other.”

### **Apostle Paul wrote**

■ 1 Corinthians 15:50—Paul wrote: “Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does corruption inherit incorruption.”

■ 1 Corinthians 15:51-52—Paul wrote: “I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible. And we shall be changed.”

■ 1 Thessalonians 4:16—Paul wrote: “For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.”

■ 1 Thessalonians 4:17—Paul wrote: “Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.”

■ 1 Thessalonians 4:18—Paul wrote: “Therefore, comfort one another with these words.”

### **Chapter 5**

While 1 Thessalonians 5 does not mention the word *trumpets*, these verses follow up the description of the “last trumpet” (in chapter 4) with comforting words.

■ 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3—The Day of the Lord comes as a thief in the night.

■ 1 Thessalonians 5:4-5—We are to be children of light.

■ 1 Thessalonians 5:6-10—Disciples should not sleep.

■ 1 Thessalonians 5:11—Comfort each other and edify one another.

■ 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28—Here are various words of encouragement.